

NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS
RESOLUTION OF JUNE 12, 2007
GAY PRIDE MONTH 2007

WHEREAS, by an Act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey the New Jersey Commission on Civil Rights was created; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Civil Rights is charged under the law with consulting with and advising the Attorney General with respect to the work of the Division on Civil Rights, surveying and studying the operations of the Division, and reporting to the Governor and the Legislature with respect to such matters relating to the work of the Division and at such times as it may deem in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination was the first state-wide civil rights statute in the nation, and was designed to address discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, and contracts; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is the fifth state in the United States to have enacted laws to provide protections against discrimination based on affectional and sexual orientation, specifically by amending its Law Against Discrimination in 1992; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is the eleventh state in the United States to have enacted laws to provide protections against discrimination based on gender expression or identity specifically by amending its Law Against Discrimination in 2006; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Division on Civil Rights is charged with enforcing the Law Against Discrimination and has been instrumental in informing the public and promoting the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination and combating unlawful discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the Division on Civil Rights and the Commission on Civil Rights enjoys a close working relationship with various gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersexed community organizations; and

WHEREAS, hate speech continues to denounce gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgender and intersexed people and encourages violence against members of this community, both in schools and society; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on this date, June 12, 2007 by the New Jersey Commission on Civil Rights that June is recognized and celebrated as Gay Pride Month; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED we must remain vigilant against the bigotry that continues to denounce gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transsexuals, transgendered individuals and encourages violence against members of this community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each of us work together towards achieving a safe and tolerant society for generations to come; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Division shall ensure that a copy of this Resolution is transmitted to the Legislative leadership, Attorney General, and the Governor, and shall have a copy posted on the website of the Division under the Commission's link.